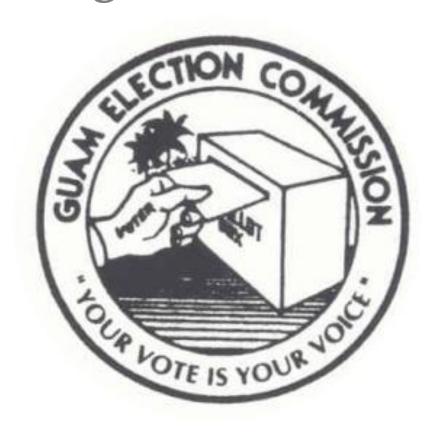
# KUMISION ILEKSION GUÅHAN Guam Election Commission Registrar Manual



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#### Hafa Adai Deputized Registrar:

Si yu'os ma'ase for your time and service as a Voter Registrar. This manual will assist you in registering voters for the Primary and General elections of 2012 and Guam Native Inhabitants for the Guam Decolonization Registry.

**Date of Primary Election:** Saturday, September 1, 2012. **Date of General Election:** Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Time of Election: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Date of the Political Status Plebiscite:** To be determined.

#### Offices up for Nomination:

- (a) Non-Voting Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives (1 seat);
- (b) Thirty-Second Guam Legislature (15 seats);
- (c) Public Auditor of Guam (1 seat);
- (d) Mayors (19 villages) and Vice-Mayors (7 villages);
- (e) Consolidated Commission on Utilities (2 seats);
- (f) Guam Education Board (6 seats).

Sinseramente,

Maria I.D. Pangelinan **Executive Director** 

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# **POLLING PLACES OF OCTOBER 2010**

DISTRICT	PRECINCT	VOTERS	Polling Site
HAGATNA	1(A-Z)	<u>554</u>	Guam
Adelup		554	Legislature
ASAN/MAINA	2(A-Z)	<u>1171</u>	
Nimitz Hill	2(A-Z)	1,171	Asan-Maina Community Center
TVIIIICZ T IIII		1,171	Community Center
PITI	3(A-Z)	949	Jose L.G. Rios
Nimitz Estate		949	Middle School
AGAT	4(A-D)	936	
Mt.Lamlam	4A - (E-P)	852	Oceanview
Finile Beach	4B - (Q-Z)	852	Middle School
200011	.5 (3(2)	2,640	
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SANTA RITA	5(A-K)	940	Harry S.
Apra Hts.	5A - (L-Z)	<u>967</u>	Truman Elem
Naval Station		1,907	School
Santa Rosa			
UMATAC	6(A-Z)	780	FQ Sanchez
S.MATAG	5 (A-Z)	780 780	Elem School
		700	Licin ocnool
MERIZO	7(A-K)	611	Merizo Martyrs
	7A - (L-Z)	<u>681</u>	Memorial Elem
		1,292	School
INARAJAN	8(A-Ma)	1009	Inarajan Middle
Malojloj	8A - (Mc-Z)	914	School
,		1,923	
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TALOFOFO	9(A-M)	1026	Talofofo Elem
Babulao	9A - (N-Z)	<u>850</u>	School
Ipan		1,876	
YONA	10(A-E)	949	
Baza Gardens	10A - (F-P)	893	MU Lujan Elem
Togcha	10B - (Q-Z)	791	School
- 90	( )	2,633	
		_,	
CHALAN PAGO	/11(A-C)	771	Ordot/Chalan
ORDOT	11A - (D-Pd	850	Pago Elem
Pago Bay	11B - (Pe-Z	<u>873</u>	School
		2,494	
CINIA IANIA	40 // 1\	1000	CI Taitana
SINAJANA Afamo	12(A-L)	1000	CL Taitano
SINAJANA Afame Agana Springs	12(A-L) 12A - (M-Z)	1000 <u>973</u> 1,973	CL Taitano Elem School

DISTRICT	PRECINCT	VOTERS	Polling Site
AGANA HTS.	13(A-J)	829	
Naval Hospital	13A - (K-Z)	<u>921</u>	Agana Heights
		1,750	Elem School
MONGMONG/	14(A-L)	1212	JQ San Migue
TOTO/MAITE	14A - (M-Z)	<u>975</u>	Elem School
NAS		2,187	
BARRIGADA	15(A-Ck)	859	
Barrigada Hts.	15A - (Cl-K)	940	LP Untalan
Danigada i its.	15B - (L-P)	954	Middle School
	15C - (Q-Z)	934 <u>925</u>	MIGGIE SCHOOL
	100 (Q-Z)	3,678	
		0,070	
MANGILAO	16(A-Cro)	978	
Latte Hts.	16A - (Cru-I)	1050	<b>UOG Field</b>
	16B - (J-Pe)	1039	House
	16C - (Pf-Z)	<u>1,008</u>	
		4,075	
TAMIJAUNG	17 (4.0~)	000	
TAMUNING	17(A-Cn)	838	
Carlos Hts.	17A - (Co-Hg)	900	Tamuning
Harmon	17B - (Hi-Me)	880	Elem School
Ipao Beach	17C - (Mf-Sam)	867	
Jonestown	17D - (San-Z)	903	
Tumon		4,388	
DEDEDO	18(A)	836	
Finegayan	18A - (B)	884	101
NCS	18B - (CA -CE)	714	Wettengel
Ypaopao	18C - (CH-CU)	695	Elem School
Ghura 501/502	18D - (D)	731	
Astumbo Gard.	18E - (E-GE)	894	
503/Fern Terr	18F - (GI-K)	938	MA Ulloa Elem
505	18G - (L-MC)	1102	School
	18H - (ME-N)	737	
	18I - (O-P)	888	Astumbo
	18J - (Q-R)	802	
	18K - (S)	1133	Community
	18L - (T-Z)	<u>1136</u>	Gymnasium
		11,490	
YIGO	10 (4 Co)	1042	
	19(A-Ca)	1043	Vian
Agafa Gumas	19A - (Cb-Gao)	997	Yigo
Anderson	19B - (Gap-Mn)	1009	Community
Marianas Terr.	19C - (Mo-Sak)	1016	Gymnasium
Mt. Santa Rosa	19D - (Sal-Z)	<u>996</u>	
Ghura 506/Simo	n	5,061	

### TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS: 52,821

## REGISTERING GUAM VOTERS

NOTE: If the registrant does not have proper documentation in his/her possession at the time of registration, such registrant <u>SHALL NOT</u> be permitted to register (see §3108 on page 11).

STEP 1: Is the voter registered outside of Guam?

Ask if the individual is presently registered in any voting district outside of Guam.

- 1. If he/she answers affirmatively, have the individual complete the Affidavit of Cancellation - GEC form EC-24. (See illustration 1 on page 25)
- 2. If not, proceed with the following step.

STEP 2: Does he/she have the proper documents?

Ask for proof of his/her U.S. citizenship. This is mandatory. A list of acceptable proof is found in §3102 on page 9.

Upon receiving proof of U.S. Citizenship; a copy is attached to the original Affidavit of Registration. This is useful to identify the voter if in case their status is ever called into question, etc.

STEP 3: Complete the affidavit.

After, and only after, the required documentation is presented and documented, should you complete the Affidavit of Registration form EC-20 (See illustration 2 on page 26). Ensure the Affidavit of Registration is legible, complete and signed.

STEP 4: Encourage civic participation.

Use the Voters Per Precinct data sheet on page 4 (to the left) to find the voter's polling place. Write it atop the AOR and advise the voter where they must report for voting on Election Day.

STEP 5: Provide proof of registration.

Issue the YELLOW COPY to the individual, to include other documents if applicable. This is the voter's proof of registration. Encourage her/him to bring it with them to the polls.

## REGISTERING NATIVE INHABITANTS OF GUAM

NOTE: If the registrant does not have proper documentation in his/her possession at the time of registration, such registrant SHALL NOT be permitted to register (see §2109 on page 21).

STEP 1: Does he/she have the proper documents?

Although every Native Inhabitant of Guam is by virtue of the 1950 Organic Act, a United States citizen, proof of U.S. Citizenship is only mandatory when registering to vote. Therefore, an official government issued photo ID is required to register in the Guam Decolonization Registry.

Minors - on or off-island - may be registered by their parent or legal guardian. Proof of this relationship is mandatory.

#### Acceptable Proof of Parenthood or Guardianship

- a) Minor's birth certificate and parent's identification from list in STEP 1.
- b) Affidavit of Legal Guardian and guardian's identification from list in STEP 1.

STEP 2: Complete the affidavit.

After, and only after, the required documentation is presented and documented, should you complete the Guam Decolonization Registry Application for Registration and Certification of Voter Eligibility form EC-21A (See illustration 3 on page 27). Ensure the affidavit is legible, completed satisfactorily and is signed in the appropriate sections.

STEP 3: Provide proof of registration.

Issue the YELLOW COPY to the registrant, to include other documents if applicable as their proof of registration in the Guam Decolonization Registry.

## **MORE FOR THE REGISTRAR**

#### **APPOINTING AUTHORITY**

The Guam Election Commission is responsible for the appointment of Voter Registrars. All registrars are supervised and responsible solely to the Guam Election Commission for election matters.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Upon completion of the instructional seminar and satisfactory passage of exam, the applicant will be certified as a duly authorized Voter Registrar. The Oath of Office will serve as the certificate of authorization.

#### **PLACE OF REGISTRATION**

Registrars have the authority to register qualified residents **only** within Guam. (See *3GCA*, Section 3105).

#### **HOURS OF REGISTRATION**

The regular hours of operation for the Guam Election Commission Office are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., however, you may register voters during different hours.

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Last day to register to vote before an Election Day is 10-days prior. **Transferring districts between Primary and General Elections is prohibited.** 

#### **SUPPLIES**

Each Registrar shall be held accountable for all registration materials and supplies issued to him/her.

#### **REPORTING/EVALUATION**

Each Registrar shall submit their completed affidavits as soon as possible to include any and all **cancelled/void affidavits** to the Guam Election Commission.

#### **DISMISSAL**

A Registrar is subject to dismissal if he/she: (1) Refuses to register a qualified resident; (2) Consistently makes errors; (3) Allows the affidavits to be executed by anyone other than with a deputized registrar; (4) Loses the affidavit of registration; (5) Registers anyone under the following: a Non-U.S. Citizen, not at the age of 18 years on or before an election, or anyone not within the provisions set out in Section 3101, Title 3, GCA; or (6) Otherwise violates, any other portion of the election code.

#### **CESSATION OF REGISTRATION**

A Registrar's service is terminated upon written request to the Guam Election Commission or by any other reason outlined under <u>Dismissal</u>.

#### **RETURN OF SUPPLIES**

Registrars who are dismissed or terminated as provided under <u>Cessation of Registration</u> or <u>Dismissal</u> shall account for all supplies and materials issued to them and return such supplies and materials to the Guam Election Commission.

Any Registrar who does not comply with the above will be sent a letter allowing a grace period of three (3) days upon receipt of letter to comply. Referral will be made to the Attorney General's office for appropriate action based on the following reasons: Expiration of the grace period; Return mail for "attempted not-known", "insufficient address", and "unclaimed mail".

#### **3 GCA ELECTIONS** CHAPTER 3 VOTERS

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- § 3133. Original Roster of Electors.

# $\S$ 3101. Persons Entitled to Vote: Compliance With Registration Provisions.

Every person not confined to a mental institution, nor judicially declared insane, nor committed under a sentence of imprisonment, who is a citizen of the United States over eighteen (18) years of age, or who shall have reached his eighteenth birthday by the day set for election, who is a resident of Guam and who complies with the provisions of this Title governing the registration of electors is entitled to vote at any general election held within the territory of Guam; provided that in the election of municipal or municipal division or district officers only those otherwise qualified electors who reside within the municipality, division or district concerned shall have the right to vote for such municipal or district officer.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2056, reenacted by P.L. 12-117; amended by P.L. 13-187:39.

#### § 3102. Affidavit of Registration, Necessity for and Contents of.

(a) No person shall be registered as a voter, except by affidavit of registration made before an authorized registration clerk or, in the case of an absentee voter, pursuant to the provisions of § 10104 of this Title. Before such affidavit shall be made, the person shall state if that person is currently registered to vote in any other jurisdiction(s). If that person answers affirmatively, that person shall identify said jurisdiction and complete and sign an attested statement on a form provided by the Commission which requests the cancellation of that person's registration, and which shall be forthwith forwarded by the Commission to that jurisdiction. If that person answers negatively, that person shall nonetheless identify the jurisdiction in which that person last voted. No registration clerk shall register any person except upon presentation by the person applyingfor registration of written evidence that the person is a citizen of the United States who will be at least eighteen (18) years of age upon the date of the next election to be conducted by the Commission, and that the person is a resident of Guam.

A copy of the evidence of citizenship and residency submitted by the applicant shall be attached to the registration form or absentee ballot application. No person shall be registered except upon that person's declaration under penalty of perjury of the street name and number, and municipality or lot number, and municipality where that person resides on Guam, and that the person has been a resident of Guam for not less than thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date on which the next election will be held.

The Commission's Executive Director shall determine whether the evidence provided by an applicant establishes the person's eligibility to be registered. The Commission's Executive Director shall give written notice of any denial of registration within five (5) working days upon the receipt of the application. Any person whose affidavit or application for an absentee ballot is rejected may appeal the decision to the Commission and, if again rejected, to the Superior Court of Guam. No person shall be required to disclose that person's social security number as a condition of registration or voting. The Commission shall prepare forms for the collection of this data, and may require the submission of such additional information as will enable it to comply with this Section. The affidavit shall then be made in triplicate, and shall set forth all the facts required to be shown by this Title and the election manual.

(b) Written evidence of U.S. citizenship for purposes of this Section shall include:

(1) U.S. Passport;

- (2) Certificate of U. S. Citizenship; Certificate of Naturalization:
- (3) a combination of one (1) document from list (i) and one (1) document from list (ii) as follows:
- (i) (A) certification of birth abroad issued by the Department of State;
- (B) original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority, commonwealth district or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal;
  - (C) Native American Tribal document;
  - (D) U.S. Citizen ID Card; and
  - (E) government of Guam Cedula;
- (ii)(A) driver's license or ID card issued by a state or outlying possession of the United States; provided, it contains a photograph or information suchas name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color and address;
- (B) ID card issued by Federal, state or local government agencies or entities; provided, it contains a photograph or information, such as name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color and address;
  - (C) school ID card with a photograph;
- (D) voter's registration card; U.S. Military card or draft record; military dependent's ID card; and
  - (E) U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2057, reenacted by P.L. 12-149. Amended by P.L. 25-146:9.

#### § 3103. Political Party.

Affidavits of registration shall be provided with space wherein the registrant may indicate the party to which he belongs or desires to belong. However, at the option of the voter this space may be left blank.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2058.

#### § 3104. Times for Registration.

Ten (10) days prior to any general, primary or special election, the registration rolls shall be closed for that election and no further affidavits of registration shall be accepted by the Commission.

(a) Exception. For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the plebiscite relative to Guam's political status, the Commission, in consultation with the Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of Chamorro Self Determination, shall develop a methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the island's voting precincts and Mayors' offices.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2059, reenacted by P.L. 12-149. Amended by P.L. 18-40:31.; P.L. 25-146:10.; P.L. 31-92.

#### § 3105. Place of Registration.

The registration of electors shall be in progress at the main office of the Commission during such hours as the office is open for business at all times prior to the closing of the registration rolls. Electors may also be registered at such times and places within Guam as the Commission shall deem advisable and

convenient from the time registration is open until twenty-one (21) days prior to an election.

(a) Exception. For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the plebiscite relative to Guam's political status, the Commission, in consultation with the Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of Chamorro Self Determination, shall develop a methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the island's voting precincts and Mayors' offices.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2059.1, reenacted by P.L. 12-149; amended by P.L. 17-25:III:9; amended by P.L. 17-63:14 and further amended by P.L. 18-26:1. Further amended by P.L. 18-40:32; P.L. 25-146:11.; P.L. 31-92.

# § 3105.1. High Schools, The Guam Community College and Colleges of the University of Guam Designated as Places of Registration.

All public high schools, the Guam Community College and Colleges of the University of Guam are designated as places for registration of electors. Registration shall take place during the normal business hours of each school or college. Each principal of a public high school shall designate at least one (1) permanent twelve-month employee to act as a registration clerk on behalf of the high school. The President of the Guam Community College shall designate at least one (1) permanent twelve-month employee to act as a registration clerk on behalf of the Guam Community College. Each Dean of a college of the University of Guam shall designate at least one (1) permanent twelve-month employee to act as a registration clerk on behalf of the College. Private high schools may, at their option, be designated as places of registration. All employees designated to act as registration clerks shall meet all the qualifications of this Chapter and shall comply with all laws, rules, regulations and procedures governing the conduct of registration clerks. The Commission shall develop rules, regulations and procedures for the appointment and training of registration clerks.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 25-10:01.

#### § 3106. Transfer of Registration.

- (a) The transfer of registration from one precinct to another precinct shall be in progress only at those times and at those places that the registration of electors is taking place; however, the application for transfer must be made at either the Commission office or in the precinct to which the elector transfers.
- (b) No registered voter may be transferred from one village or district to another village or district for voting purposes during the registration period between any primary and general election held in the same calendar year, but shall be allowed to vote in the precinct where registered with the transfer effective after the general election. This subsection does not apply to unregistered voters who were not registered in the primary election but who seek to register for the general

**SOURCE:** GC § 2059.2, added by P.L. 12-149. Subsection (b) added by P.L. 21-100.

#### $\S$ 3107. Application Constitutes Registration.

The application for an absentee ballot shall constitute a sufficient registration of the voter in the municipality, municipal division or district in which the voter resides; provided, that the application is received by the Commission prior to the closing of the registration rolls, and provided that the provisions of § 3102 of this Title pertaining to citizenship, age and residency on Guam are complied with to the same degree as by a person registering under

§ 3102. Such application constituting registration shall be preserved and used by the Commission in the same manner as it preserves and uses affidavits of registration

**SOURCE:** GC § 2059.3, added by P.L. 12-149. Amended by P.L. 25-146:12.

#### § 3108. Unlawful Registration as Crime.

Every person who willfully causes, procures or allows himself or any person to be registered as a voter, knowing himself or that other person not to be entitled to registration, is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2060, added by P.L. 12-149; amended P.L. 13-187:40. Repealed/reenacted by P.L. 22-109:2 (04/01/94) to increase degree of punishment from a misdemeanor.

#### § 3109. Appointment of Registration Clerks.

The Commission shall appoint at least one (1) registration clerk for each district.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2061 Amended by P.L. 25-146:13..

#### § 3110. Qualifications for Registration Clerks.

- (a) The Commission may appoint any qualified elector as a district or volunteer registration clerk. The Commission shall establish by regulation the minimum qualifications for appointment as a registration clerk. The Commission, pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law, shall set forth a training program for registration clerks, which shall include passage of a standardized examination of the applicant's knowledge of the election laws necessary to perform the registration clerk's duties. No person holding an elective office or who is a candidate, or nominee for elective office, shall be appointed or serve as a registration clerk.
- (b) Term of Appointment. Any elector appointed as a registration clerk shall serve a limited term, which shall last from the date of appointment until midnight on the day that is twenty-one (21) days before the next regularly scheduled general election. The Commission shall promulgate policies and procedures to carry out the intent of this Section. The Commission may also establish other terms of appointment, consistent with the intent of this Section, for special elections, plebiscites, initiatives and any other non-general elections as they deem necessary to allow for voter registration to be conducted by duly appointed registration clerks.
  - (c) Grandfather Clause. Any elector appointed as a registration clerk after January 1, 2001, and prior to the enactment of this Act, shall be automatically appointed as a registration clerk for a term consistent with the provisions of this Act, as if previously appointed registration clerk was duly appointed for a term under the provisions of this Act.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2062 as amended by P.L. 18-26:2. Amended by P.L. 20-183:15; P.L. 25-146:14.. Amended by P.L. 26-90:1.

#### § 3111. Compensation of Registration Clerks.

Any person who is appointed a district registration clerk shall receive compensation at a rate set by the Commission not more than one and one-half (1 ½) times the prevailing minimum wage rate. Any employee of the government of Guam who is appointed to be a district registration clerk, and who performs such duties as a part of that person's government employment shall not be entitled to receive the compensation authorized by this Section. Volunteer registration clerks shall not be paid by the Commission.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2063, added by P.L. 7-164; amended by P.L. 12-128; R/R by P.L. 21-100; P.L. 25-146:15..

#### § 3112. Registration Clerks Empowered to Take Affidavits.

All Registration Clerks are empowered to take affidavits of registration, and it shall be the duty of Registration Clerks to take affidavits of registration, and to register the same in an appropriate book of registration furnished by the Commission.

SOURCE: GC § 2064.

#### § 3113. Registration Clerks Not to Charge Fees.

No fees may be charged for registration or for the taking of affidavits of registration.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2065.

#### § 3114. Return of Documents by Registration Clerks.

When the registration for any election is closed, all Registration Clerks, shall, immediately thereafter, return all affidavits of registration, and all books or pads in their possession containing stubs, spoiled or unused affidavit blanks to the Commission which shall as soon thereafter as practicable, file the original and copy of each affidavit separately in securely locked cabinets according to precincts. The original affidavit of registration shall be kept, at all times, in the office of the Commission. The duplicates shall be bound in suitable book form for each precinct so they may be utilized in conformity with § 3131

SOURCE: GC § 2066.

#### § 3115. Penalties for Acts or Omissions.

- (a) Any person authorized by the Commission, having charge of affidavits of registration, or absentee ballot applications submitted in lieu of affidavits of registration, who:
  - (1) neglects or refuses to perform any duty required by law in connection with the registration of voters;
  - (2) neglects or refuses to perform such duty in the manner required by voter registration law;
  - (3) enters, or causes or permits to be entered, on the voter registration records the name of any person in any other manner or at any other time than as prescribed by voter registration law, or enters, or causes or permits to be entered, on such records the name of any person not entitled to be thereon; or
  - (4) destroys, mutilates, conceals, changes or alters any registration record in connection therewith, exceptas authorized by voter registration law, is guilty of a felony of the third degree. Each and every omission constitutes a separate offense.
  - (b) Any person who:
  - (1) knowingly provides false information on an application for voter registration under any provision of this Title:
  - (2) knowingly makes or attests to a false declaration as to that person's qualifications as a voter;
  - (3) knowingly causes or permits oneself to be registered using the name of another person;
  - (4) knowingly causes oneself to be registered under two (2) or more different names;

- (5) knowingly causes oneself to be registered in two(2) or more precincts;
- (6) offers to pay another person to assist in registering voters, where payment is based on a fixed amount of money per voter registration;
- (7) accepts payment for assisting in registering voters, where payment is based on fixed a amount of money per voter registration; or
- (8) knowingly causes any person to be registered or causes any registration to be transferred or canceled, exceptas authorized under this Title,

is guilty of a felony of the third degree. Each and every violation constitutes a separate offense.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2067. Amended by P.L. 25-146:16.

#### § 3116. Reports to Attorney General.

Within five (5) days after the close of registration, the Commission shall report to the Attorney General of Guam, under oath, the names of the Registration Clerk or Clerks who have not complied with the provisions of this Title.

SOURCE: GC § 2068, as amended.

COMMENT: The original § 2068 refers to the Island Attorney and has not been amended by the Legislature. However, the Island Attorney has been merged with the Attorney General's office and has ceased to have any separate existence. Public Law 10-1, in adding § 7005 to the Government Code, directs that "every reference in law, rule or regulation to the Island Attorney, as to criminal matters, shall read and mean the Deputy Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division. Every reference in law, rule or regulation to the Island Attorney as to civil matters, shall be read and mean the Deputy Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division." Title 8, relative to the Department of Law, was repealed and reenacted by P.L. 13-117 in which no mention of the Island Attorney was made and no specific mention made as to how references to the Island Attorney in old laws should be read. In P.L. 13-117, the Attorney General assumed responsibility for all legal matters of the government of Guam, unless specifically otherwise stated by the Legislature. Therefore, this Section refers to the Attorney General pursuant to the above-mentioned public laws. See 5 GCA Chapter 30.

#### § 3117. Action to Compel Registration.

If a Registration Clerk refuses to register any qualified elector in the territory of Guam, the elector may appeal such refusal to the Commission, and if the Commission upholds or affirms the ruling of the Registration Clerk, such qualified elector may proceed by action in the Superior Court to compel his registration. In an action under this Section, as many persons may join as plaintiffs, as have causes of action.

SOURCE: GC § 2069, as amended.

**COMMENT:** Again, reference to the *Island Court* has been changed to the *Superior Court*. See comment to § 2106. Pursuant to the Court Reorganization Act, the Island Court has ceased to exist and has been replaced by the Superior Court of Guam.

#### § 3118. Costs.

Costs shall not be recovered against the Registration Clerk in any action under this Chapter, unless it is alleged in the complaint, and established on the trial, that the Registration Clerk knowingly and willfully violated his duty.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2070.

#### § 3119. Certified Copy of Registration as Evidence.

Upon the personal or written application of any person, the Election Commission shall give him a certified copy of the entries upon the register relating to the applicant.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2071 GC, amended by P.L. 12-117.

#### § 3120. Cancellation and Transfer of Registration.

Cancellation is made by writing or stamping on the affidavit of registration the word "cancelled", the reason therefor, the signature of the cancelling official and the date of cancellation.

Whenever a voter transfers his registration from one precinct to another precinct as shown by the new affidavit of registration, the Commission shall immediately cancel both the original and the duplicate affidavit of registration from the precinct in which he was first registered, and remove the original from the precinct book or files.

All cancelled original affidavits of registration shall be preserved by the Commission until the first day of January of the next odd-numbered year.

The Commission in distributing to each precinct the indices of registration, as required by this Chapter, shall cross out of those indices the names of all voters whose affidavits of registration from the precinct have been cancelled.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2072.

#### § 3121. Permanence of Records.

The registration of a voter is permanent for all purposes during that person's life, unless and until the affidavit of registration is cancelled by the Commission for any of the causes specified in this Chapter.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2073. Amended by P.L. 25-146:17.

#### § 3122. Grounds for Cancellation of Registration.

The Commission shall cancel the registration of an elector in the following cases:

- (a) at the request of the person registered;
- (b) when the insanity or mental incompetence of a person registered is legally established;
- (c) Upon the production of a certification from Guam Police Department, or other local or Federal government instrumentality, that the person is confined pursuant to a local or Federal criminal sentence;
  - (d) upon the death of the person registered;
- (e) upon the production of a certified copy of a judgment directing the cancellation to be made;
- (f) if the person registered has not voted in two (2) consecutive general elections, unless such person mailed in an absentee ballot that was postmarked on or before the last general election day, but wasreceived after the close of the polls; provided, however that in the case of a runoff election, those registered to vote for the general election

shall remain eligible to vote in the runoff election, regardless of whether they voted at the immediately preceding general election; and

(g) upon receipt from any other election agency, domestic or foreign, that the person has registered to vote in that jurisdiction.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2074. Subsection (f) repealed/reenacted by P.L. 22-109:4 (04/01/94). Amended by P.L. 25-146:18.

#### § 3123. Report of Deaths.

Not later that the fifteenth (15th) day of each month the Director of Public Health and Social Services shall furnish the Commission an abstract of the register of deaths showing, for all decedents eighteen (18) years of age or over, the

- (a) Name
- (b) Sex
- (c) Age
- (d) Nativity
- (e) Place of residence
- (f) Month, day and year of death
- (g) C.I. No.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2075.

**COMMENT:** The "cedula" or "certificate of identification" was required of all residents during the period of the Naval Security Clearance, which ended in 1962. Since then "cedulas" have not been required, but residents could obtain an Identification Card from the Guam Police if they needed one; for instance, if they lacked a driver's license.

#### § 3124. Cancellation of Non-Voting Registrants.

Within ninety (90) days of the certification of the returns of any regular general election or a runoff election subsequent thereto, the Commission shall cancel the registration of any person who failed to vote in the general election pursuant to § 3122(f). The registration of a person who mailed an absentee ballot that was postmarked on or before the general election, but whose ballot was not received by the Commission prior to the closing of the polls at the general election, or a person who votes in a general election, but who fails to vote in any runoff election held subsequent thereto or a person who failed to vote in the general election, but did vote in a runoff election held subsequent to such general election, shall not be considered a person who failed to vote. The affidavit of a person whose registration is cancelled shall be purged from the records of the Commission.

The Commission shall notify by mail each person whose registration is cancelled of that fact and that the person is no longer eligible to vote until that person again has registered as provided in this Title. The Commission shall establish by rule a procedure for a personwho believes that that person's registration has been cancelled erroneously to challenge such cancellation.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2076. R/R by P.L. 25-146:19.

§ 3125. Mailing Notices to Non-Voting Registrants.

[Repealed.]

**SOURCE:** GC § 2077. Repealed by P.L. 25-146:20.

#### § 3126. Reports of Adjudged Incompetents.

Every judge before whom proceedings are had which result in any person being declared incapable of managing or taking care of either himself or property or both, and for whom a guardian of his person or estate or both is accordingly appointed, or which results in his being committed to an insane asylum as an insane person, shall file with the Commission a certificate of that fact and thereupon the Commission shall cancel the name of that person upon the register.

SOURCE: GC § 2078.

#### § 3127. Action to Compel Cancellation.

Any person may proceed by action in the Superior Court to compel the Commission to cancel any registration made illegally, or which should be cancelled by reason of facts that have occurred subsequent to the registration. If the voter whose registration is sought to be cancelled is not a party to the action, the Court may order him to be made a party defendant.

The Commission, and as many persons as there are causes of action against, may be joined as defendants.

SOURCE: GC § 2079, as amended.

**COMMENT:** Amendment changes *Island Court* to *Superior Court* in conformance with the Court Reorganization Act of 1974.

#### § 3128. Preservation of Registration Affidavits.

The Commission shall preserve all uncancelled affidavits of registration, and the cancelled duplicates, made for the purpose of procuring registration. The affidavits of registration shall constitute the register of voters required to be kept by the provisions of this Title.

SOURCE: GC § 2080

#### § 3129. Compilation of Registration Affidavits.

Within ten (10) days after the last day of registration for any election the Commission shall compile the original and duplicate affidavits of registration for each precinct in which the election is to be held in such manner as the Commission may prescribe in the Election Manual. **SOURCE:** GC § 2081.

#### § 3130. Index of Registrations.

The Commission shall prepare an index of the registration of voters and provide sufficient copies thereof for use in any regular election. Upon the effective date of this Section, the Commission shall cease to collect the social security numbers of persons registering to vote, and no later than June 30, 2001, the Commission shall purge all social security numbers from its index of registered voters. No later than July 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Commission shall distribute a copy of the index for each municipality to the mayor and vice-mayors thereof. To the extent of their ability, the mayors and vice-mayors shall notify the Commission of any discrepancies they may discover in the index

SOURCE: GC § 2082. Amended by P.L. 25-146:21.

#### § 3131. Copies of Index to Candidates.

Upon written demand of any candidate in any forthcoming election or upon written demand of his campaign committee, the Commission shall furnish to him one (1) copy of the index of the registration of voters for such election, at a charge as may be prescribed in the Election Manual. All moneys so collected shall be covered into the Treasury of the government of Guam.

**SOURCE:** GC § 2083.

#### § 3132. Delivery of Books to Precinct Commissions.

Before the day of election, with the other election supplies, the Commission shall deliver to the precinct Commission in each precinct the book of duplicate affidavits of registration for that precinct together with three (3) copies of the index thereto. The book shall constitute the register to be used at that election.

SOURCE: GC § 2084.

#### § 3133. Original Roster of Electors.

On the day of any election, the Commission shall maintain in its office, or at the Election Return Center in an easily accessible and organized form, the original affidavits of registration with supporting documentation to assist it in disposing of any challenges or questions that may occur during the election.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 25-146:22.

# 3 GCA ELECTIONS CHAPTER 20 THE CHAMORRO REGISTRY

**SOURCE:** This chapter was added by P.L. 23-130:2.

- § 20001. Definitions.
- § 20002. Affidavit of Registration.
- § 20003. Persons Entitled to Register or Be Registered.
- § 20004. Same: Minors.
- § 20005. Same: Off-Island Chamorros.
- § 20006. Same: Same: Minors.
- § 20007. Times for Registration.
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- § 20011. Qualifications of Registration Clerks for the Chamorro Registry.
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- § 20013. Registration Clerks Empowered to Take Affidavits.
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- § 20024. Index of Registrations.
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- § 20026. Establishment of Chamorro Registry Advisory Board: Composition; Removal of Members; Chairperson; Quorum.
- § 20027. Same: Ex-officio and Nonvoting Members.
- § 20028. Same: Duties and Responsibilities.
- § 20029. Same: Same: Provisions of Forms.
- § 20030. Same: Same: Informational Brochures.
- § 20031. Same: Powers of the Advisory Board.

#### § 20001. Definitions. For the Purpose of this Title:

- (a) 'Chamorro' shall mean:
- (1) all inhabitants of the Island of Guam on April 11, 1899, including those temporarily absent from the Island on that date and who were Spanish subjects; *and*
- (2) all persons born on the Island of Guam *prior* to 1800, and their *descendants*, who resided on Guam on April 11, 1899, including those temporarily absent from the Island on that date, and their descendants;
  - (i) descendant means a person who has proceeded by birth, such as a child or grandchild, to the remotest degree, from any Chamorro as defined above, and who is considered placed in a line of succession from such ancestor where such succession is by virtue of blood relations.

**SOURCE:** Repealed/reenacted by P.L. 25-106:12.

#### § 20002. Affidavit of Registration.

No person shall be registered with the Chamorro Registry except by affidavit of registration made before the registration clerk of the district or municipality wherein such person resides, or before a registration clerk in the office of the Guam Election Commission. The Commission shall prepare forms for the collection of data pertaining to registration eligibility, Chamorro family name, and residency. The Commission shall also require the submission of such additional information and proper documentation as will enable it to comply with this Chapter. The affidavit shall then be made in duplicate and shall set forth all the facts required to be set forth by this Title. Any change of residency must be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

#### § 20003. Persons Entitled to Register or Be Registered.

Every person who is Chamorro, as defined in § 20001 above, or who is descended from a Chamorro is entitled to register or, in the case of minors, be registered with the Chamorro Registry.

#### § 20004. Same: Minors.

Individuals below the age of eighteen (18) years, who are eligible under § 20003 of this Chapter to be registered with the Chamorro Registry, are considered minors and must be registered by a parent or legal guardian. Such parent or guardian must register such minor by affidavit of registration made before the registration of the district or municipality wherein such minor resides, or before a registration clerk in the office of the Commission. The Commission shall also require the submission of such additional information and proper documentation as will enable it to verify the relationship between parent/guardian and said minor and to comply with the rest of this Chapter. Any change of residency for such minor must be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

#### § 20005. Same: Off-Island Chamorros.

Persons, who are eligible under Section 20003 of this Chapter to register with the Chamorro Registry, but who are not on Guam at such time as they intend to register, may complete and submit, via certified mail, a notarized affidavit of registration to the Commission. Affidavits of registration shall be made available by the Commission. The Commission shall also require from such persons the submission of such additional information and proper documentation as will enable it to comply with this Chapter. Any change of residency must be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

#### § 20006. Same: Same: Minors.

Individuals below the age of eighteen (18) years, who are eligible under § 20003 of this Chapter to register with the Chamorro Registry, but who are not on Guam at such time as they are to be registered, may be registered by a parent or legal guardian who shall complete and submit, via certified mail, a notarized affidavit of registration to the Commission on behalf of said minor. The Commission shall require from such parent/guardian the submission of such additional information and proper documentation as will enable it to comply with this Chapter. Any change of residency must be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

#### § 20007. Times for Registration.

A person may register with the Chamorro Registry at any time during the year except at such times when the Commission shall close the registration rolls for the purposes of conducting elections or plebiscites. At such times, the registration rolls shall be closed ten (10) days prior to such election or plebiscite.

(a) Exception. For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the plebiscite relative to Guam's political status, the Commission, in consultation with the Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of Chamorro Self Determination, shall develop a methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the island's voting precincts and Mayors' offices.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 31-92.

#### § 20008. Place of Registration.

Registration for Chamorros with the Chamorro Registry shall be in progress at the main office of the Commission during such hours as the office is open for business, prior to any closing of the registration rolls. Upon enactment of this Act, the Commission shall deputize as many volunteers to serve as registration clerks in each of the villages, for an undetermined period after the date of enactment, as is necessary for the purposes of registering eligible persons with the Chamorro Registry. Such registration shall take place at each mayor's office or any other place within the village designated by the Commission. Chamorros shall also be able to register with the Chamorro Registry at such times and places within the Territory as the Commission shall deem advisable and convenient, and the Commission shall deputize volunteers for such purposes as well.

#### § 20009. Unlawful Registration as a Crime.

Any person who willfully causes, procures, or allows himself or any person to be registered with the Chamorro Registry, while knowing that he or that other person is not entitled to register with the Chamorro Registry, is guilty of perjury as a misdemeanor. An individual who is guilty of submitting a false affidavit of registration with the Chamorro Registry shall have such affidavit of registration automatically revoked.

#### § 20010. Permanence of Records.

The registration of a Chamorro is permanent for all purposes.

It shall be the duty of the Commission to issue to each registered Chamorro a card indicating that such person has been registered with the Chamorro Registry.

# $\S$ 20011. Qualification of Registration Clerks for the Chamorro Registry.

The Commission may appoint any qualified adult as a registration clerk. No person holding an elective office or who is a candidate for elective office shall be appointed as a registration clerk. Under no circumstances may a volunteer clerk deny

registration to a person eligible to register or be registered with the Chamorro Registry.

#### § 20012. Compensation for Registration Clerks.

Section 3111, Chapter 3, Title 3, applies.

#### § 20013. Registration Clerks Empowered to Take Affidavits.

Section 3112, Chapter 3, Title 3, applies.

#### § 20014. Registration Clerks Not to Charge Fees.

Section 3113, Chapter 3, Title 3, applies.

#### § 20015. Return of Documents by Registration Clerks.

All registration clerks shall return all affidavits of registration and all books or pads in their possession containing stubs, spoiled affidavits, or unused affidavit forms to the Commission which shall file the original and copy of each affidavit separately in securely locked container or storage space. The timetable for submission of documents by registration clerks and the organization of affidavits shall be determined by the Commission. The original affidavit of registration shall be kept, at all times, in the office of the Commission. The duplicates shall be bound in suitable book or form.

#### § 20016. Penalties for Acts or Omissions.

Any person having charge of affidavits of registration is guilty of a misdemeanor who:

- (a) Neglects or refuses to make all the entries provided for in this Title; or,
- (b) Fails or neglects to comply with any provision of this Chapter.

#### § 20017. Reports to the Attorney General.

The Commission shall report to the Attorney General of Guam, under oath, the names of any registration clerk who has not complied with the provisions of this Chapter.

#### § 20018. Costs to Registration Clerks.

Section 3118 of Chapter 3, Title 3, applies.

#### § 20019. Certified Copy of Registration as Evidence.

Section 3119, Chapter 3, Title 3, applies.

#### § 20020. Report of Deaths.

Section 3123 of Chapter 3, Title 3, applies.

#### § 20021. Action to Compel Registration.

If a registration clerk refuses to register any person eligible to register with the Chamorro Registry, such person may appeal such refusal to the Commission, and if the Commission upholds or affirms the ruling of the registration clerk, such person may proceed by action in the Superior Court to compel his registration. In an action under this section, as many persons may join as plaintiffs, as have causes of action.

#### § 20022. Action to Compel Cancellation.

Any person may proceed by action in the Superior Court to compel the Commission to cancel any registration made illegally. If the person whose registration is sought to be canceled is not a party to the action, the Court may order him to be made a party defendant. The Commission, and as many persons as there are causes of action against, may be joined as defendants.

#### § 20023. Preservation of Registration Affidavits.

The Commission shall preserve all uncanceled affidavits of registration, and the canceled duplicates, made for the purpose of procuring registration. The affidavits of registration

shall constitute the Chamorro Registry required to be kept by the provisions of this Chapter.

#### § 20024. Index of Registrations.

The Commission shall prepare an index of the Chamorro Registry and provide sufficient copies thereof.

#### § 20025. Index as Public Record; Fee.

Upon written demand of any member of the public, the Commission shall furnish to him one (1) copy of the index of the Chamorro Registry at a charge prescribed by the Commission. All moneys so collected shall be covered into the Treasury of the Government of Guam.

# § 20026. Establishment of Chamorro Registry Advisory Board: Composition; Removal of Members; Chairperson; Quorum.

There is hereby established a Chamorro Registry Advisory Board with the following provisions:

- (a) There is within the government of Guam and under authority of the Guam Election Commission the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board. The Board shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom shall be Chamorros, as defined in Section 20001 above. The Governor shall appoint the five (5) members who shall have the following qualifications:
  - (1) two (2) members who have had extensive work experience in the administration of a local Chamorro cultural agency or Chamorro cultural program;
  - (2) two (2) members who have had a strong background in Chamorro historical or genealogical work; and
  - (3) one (1) member who has a strong understanding of the issue of indigenous peoples or has been extensively involved in the work towards the future exercise of Chamorro self-determination.

The members of the Board shall serve for a term of two (2) years. If a vacancy should occur on the Board, said vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term only, and by the method originally prescribed for its appointment. Every member of the Board who is not in the service of the Government, for which he receives an annual compensation, shall be paid Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each attendance of a meeting upon his duties.

- (b) Any member may be removed for misconduct in office by a resolution duly adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the Legislature.
- (c) The Advisory Board shall annually elect one (1) of its members as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board.
- (d) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a majority of the Board shall be required to make any action of the Board effective. The Board shall promulgate all other rules and regulations as are necessary for its effective operation.

#### § 20027. Same: Ex-officio and Nonvoting Members.

The Executive Director of the Election Commission, Chairperson of the Election Commission, Executive Director of the Commission on Self-Determination, Executive Director of the Chamorro Heritage Institute once established, and the Chairperson of the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs of the Legislature shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board but shall not be voting members thereof. The Executive Director of the Election

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Commission shall also serve as the ex-officio secretary for the Board.

#### § 20028. Same: Duties and Responsibilities.

The Board shall have direct and immediate supervision over the registration clerks designated in accordance with this Chapter to perform duties relative to the establishment, administration, and maintenance of the Chamorro Registry. Where such duties overlap with duties relative to the conduct of elections, the Board shall make recommendations to the Commission relative to the supervision of said clerks, and the Commission shall have the final decision-making authority.

The Board shall recommend to the Commission the suspension from the performance of said duties any of said clerks who shall fail to comply with its instruction, orders, decisions or rulings, and the appointment of temporary substitutes. Upon the recommendation of the Commission, the Governor may remove any and all clerks who shall be found guilty of nonfeasance or misfeasance in connection with the performance of their duties relative to the Chamorro Registry.

#### § 20029. Same: Same: Provision of Forms.

It shall be the responsibility of the Commission to provide all necessary forms as prescribed by the Board for the establishment of the Chamorro Registry.

#### § 20030. Same: Same: Informational Brochures.

It shall be the responsibility of the Board to prepare and promulgate informational brochures providing basic information pertaining to the establishment of the Chamorro Registry, eligibility requirements, guidelines for registration, and any other such information as the Board should deem necessary for the purposes of educating the general public. The content of the brochures shall be subject to approval by the Commission and by the Governor. Such brochures shall be made available at the main office of the Commission, from registration clerks, and at other locations recommended by the Board and approved by the Commission.

#### § 20031. Same: Powers of the Advisory Board.

The Board shall have the power to summon the parties to a controversy pending before it, issue *subpoenas duces tecum* and otherwise to take testimony in any investigation or hearing pending before it and delegate such power to any officer. Any controversy submitted to the Board shall be tried, heard, and decided within fifteen (15) days counted from the time corresponding petition giving rise to said controversy is filed. If either party wishes to appeal the decision or ruling of the Board, appeal may be made to the Commission for further consideration of hearing. The Board shall have the power to certify to the Superior Court of Guam for contempt.

### **3 GCA ELECTIONS CHAPTER 21 GUAM DECOLONIZATION REGISTRY**

**SOURCE:** Enacted in its entirety by P.L. 25-106:2 (03/24/2000).

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#### § 21000. Legislative Findings and Intent.

In furtherance of Public Law Number 23-147, now codified as Chapter 21 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated, wherein the Commission on Decolonization was established and given the mandate to conduct a plebiscite on the political status wishes of the people of Guam, *I Liheslaturan Guāhan* finds there is a need for a Registry, separate and apart from the Chamorro Registry authorized by Public Law Number 23-130, now codified as Chapter 20 of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated, which will specifically delineate the list of qualified voters for the political status plebiscite, and intends that this separate Registry not be one based on race.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to permit the native inhabitants of Guam, as defined by the U.S. Congress' 1950 Organic Act of Guam to exercise the inalienable right to self-determination of their political relationship with the United States of America.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the right has never been afforded the native inhabitants of Guam, its native inhabitants and land having themselves been overtaken by Spain, and then ceded by Spain to the United States of America during a time of war, without any consultation with the native inhabitants of Guam.

This inalienable right is founded upon the 1898 Treaty of Peace between the United States and Spain; Chapter XI of the United Nations Charter; the United States' yearly reports to the United Nations on the Non Self-governing Territory of Guam; 1950 Organic Act of Guam; United Nations Resolution Number 1541 (XV); United Nations Resolution 1514 (XV); § 307 (a) of the United States Immigration and Nationality Act; and Part I, Article 1, Paragraphs 1 and 3 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan notes that the 1950 Congress acknowledged its United Nations' responsibilities:

In addition to its obligation under the Treaty of Paris, the United States has additional treaty obligations with respect to Guam as a non-self-governing Territory. Under Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, ratified by the Senate June 26, 1945 (59 Stat. at p. 1048), we undertook, with respect to the people of such Territories, to insure political advancement, to develop self-government, and taking 'due account of the political aspirations of the peoples; \* \* \* to assist them in the progressive development of their free political institutions \* \* \*.' Organic Act of Guam, Sen. Rep. 2109, 1950 U.S. Code & Admin. Report p. 2841.

It is the purpose of this legislation to seek the desires to those peoples who were given citizenship in 1950 and to use this knowledge to further petition Congress and other entities to achieve the stated goals.

The intent of this Chapter shall not be construed nor implemented by the government officials effectuating its provisions to be race based, but founded upon the classification of persons as defined by the U.S. Congress in the 1950 Organic Act of Guam.

#### $\S$ 21001. Definitions. For Purposes of This Chapter:

(a) 'Board' shall mean the Decolonization Registry Board established under the Guam Election Commission for the purposes of guiding the establishment, administration and maintenance of the Guam Decolonization Registry.

- (b) 'Commission' shall mean the Guam Election Commission.
- (c) *Descendant*' shall mean a person who has proceeded by birth, such as a child or grandchild, to the remotest degree, from any *Native Inhabitant of Guam*,' as defined in Subsection (e), and who is considered placed in a line of succession from such ancestor where such succession is by virtue of blood relations.
- (d) 'Guam Decolonization Registry' shall mean the index of names established by the Guam Election Commission ('Commission') for the purposes of registering and recording the names of the Native Inhabitants of Guam.
- (e) 'Native Inhabitants of Guam' shall mean those persons who became U.S. Citizens by virtue of the authority and enactment of the 1950 Organic Act of Guam and descendants of those persons.

#### § 21002. Affidavit of Registration.

No person shall be registered with the Guam Decolonization Registry, except by affidavit of registration made before the registration clerk of the district or municipality wherein such person resides, or before a registration clerk in the office of the Commission. The Commission shall prepare forms for the collection of data pertaining to registration eligibility, Native Inhabitant of Guam family name, and residency.

The Commission shall also require the submission of such additional information and proper documentation as will enable it to comply with this Chapter. The affidavit shall then be made in duplicate and shall set forth all the facts required to be set forth by this Title. Any change of residency must be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

#### § 21002.1. Registration of Qualified CLTC Applicants.

The Commission *shall* waive the affidavit of registration process for individuals that have received a Chamorro Land Trust Commission lease *or* have been pre-approved to receive a Chamorro Land Trust Commission property lease. Those individuals *shall* be included on the registration roll of the Guam Decolonization Registry and are deemed registered *unless* the lessee requests in writing *not* to be included on the Decolonization Registry.

**SOURCE:** Added by P.L. 30-102:3 (Mar. 12, 2010), effective retroactive to Mar. 1, 1993, pursuant to P.L. 30-102:6.

#### § 21003. Persons Entitled to Register or be Registered.

Every person who is a Native Inhabitant of Guam, as defined above, or who is descended from a Native Inhabitant of Guam is entitled to register with the Guam Decolonization Registry.

#### § 21004. Same: Minors.

Individuals below the age of eighteen (18) years, who turn eighteen (18) years on or before the date of the Political Status Plebiscite, shall be entitled to register with the Guam Decolonization Registry by a parent or legal guardian. Such parent or guardian must register such minor by affidavit of registration made before the registration of the district or municipality wherein such minor resides, or before a registration clerk in the office of the Commission. The Commission shall also require the submission of such additional information and proper documentation as will enable it to verify the relationship between parent or guardian and said minor, and to comply with the rest of this Chapter.

Any change of residency for such minor must be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

#### § 21005. Same: Off-Island Native Inhabitants of Guam.

Persons, who are eligible under this Chapter to register with the Guam Decolonization Registry, but who are not on Guam at such time as they intend to register, may complete and submit, via mail or otherwise, a notarized affidavit of registration to the Commission. Affidavits of registration shall be made available by the Commission. The Commission shall also require from such persons the submission of such additional information and proper documentation as will enable it to comply with this Chapter. Any change of residency must be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

#### § 21006. Same: Minors.

Individuals below the age of eighteen (18) years, who are eligible under this Chapter to register with the Guam Decolonization Registry, but who are not on Guam at such time as they are to be registered, may be registered by a parent or legal guardian who shall complete and submit, via mail or otherwise, a notarized affidavit of registration to the Commission on behalf of said minor. The Commission shall require from such parent or guardian the submission of such additional information and proper documentation as will enable the Commission to comply with this Chapter. Any change of residency must be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

#### § 21007. Times for Registration.

A person may register with the Guam Decolonization Registry at any time during the year, except at such times when the Commission shall close the registration rolls for the purposes of conducting the Political Status Plebiscite. At such times the registration rolls shall be closed ten (10) days prior to such Political Status Plebiscite.

(a) Exception. For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the plebiscite relative to Guam's political status, the Commission, in consultation with the Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of Chamorro Self Determination, shall develop a methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the island's voting precincts and Mayors' offices.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 31-92.

#### § 21008. Place of Registration.

Registration for Native Inhabitants of Guam with the Guam Decolonization Registry shall be in progress at the main office of the Commission during such hours as the office is open for business, prior to any closing of the registration rolls. Upon enactment of this Act, the Commission shall deputize as many volunteers to serve as registration clerks in each of the Villages and designated educational institutions, for an undetermined period after the date of enactment, as is necessary for the purposes of registering eligible persons with the Guam Decolonization Registry. Such registration shall take place at each Mayor's office, Guam Community College, University of Guam, each high school or any other place within the Village designated by the Commission.

Native Inhabitants of Guam shall also be able to register with the Guam Decolonization Registry at such times and places within Guam as the Commission shall deem advisable and convenient, and the Commission shall deputize volunteers for such purposes as well.

#### § 21009. Unlawful Registration a Crime.

Any person who willfully causes, procures or allows that person, or any person, to be registered with the Guam Decolonization Registry, while knowing that the person, or other person, is not entitled to register with the Guam Decolonization Registry, shall be guilty of perjury as a misdemeanor. The Guam Decolonization Registry shall have such false affidavit of registration automatically stricken from the Registry.

#### § 21010. Permanence of Records.

Except in the event of cancellation pursuant to this Chapter or the Rules and Regulations, the registration of a Native Inhabitant of Guam is permanent for all purposes. It shall be the duty of the Commission to issue to each registered Native Inhabitant of Guam a card indicating that such person has been registered with the Guam Decolonization Registry.

# § 21011. Qualification of Registration Clerks for the Guam Decolonization Registry.

The Commission may appoint any qualified adult as a registration clerk. No person holding an elective office or who is a candidate for elective office shall be appointed as a registration clerk. Under no circumstances may a volunteer clerk deny registration to a person eligible to register or be registered with the Guam Decolonization Registry.

#### § 21012. Compensation for Registration Clerks.

3 GCA § 3111 applies to compensation of registration clerks for the Guam Decolonization Registry.

#### § 21013. Registration Clerks Empowered to Take Affidavits.

3 GCA § 3112 applies to registration clerks of the Guam Decolonization Registry taking affidavits.

#### § 21014. Registration Clerks Not to Charge Fees.

3 GCA § 3113 applies to Registration Clerks for the Guam Decolonization Registry not charging fees for their registering persons or for the taking of affidavits of registration.

#### § 21015. Return of Documents by Registration Clerks.

All registration clerks shall return all affidavits of registration and all books or pads in their possession containing stubs, spoiled affidavits or unused affidavit forms to the Commission, which shall file the original and copy of each affidavit separately in a securely locked container or storage space. The timetable for submission of documents by registration clerks and the organization of affidavits shall be determined by the Commission. The original affidavit of registration shall be kept, at all times, in the office of the Commission. The duplicates shall be bound in suitable book or form.

#### $\S$ 21016. Penalties for Acts or Omissions.

Any person having charge of affidavits of registration is guilty of a misdemeanor who:

- (a) neglects or refuses to make all the entries provided for in this Title; or
- (b) fails or neglects to comply with any provision of this Chapter.

#### § 21017. Reports to the Attorney General.

The Commission shall report to the Attorney General of Guam the names of any registration clerk who has not complied with the provisions of this Chapter.

#### § 21018. Costs to Registration Clerks.

 $3\ GCA\ \S\ 3118$  applies to registration clerks for the Guam Decolonization Registry.

#### § 21019. Certified Copy of Registration as Evidence.

3 GCA  $\S$  3119 applies to applicants for the Guam Decolonization Registry.

#### § 21020. Report of Deaths.

3 GCA § 3123 applies to the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the purpose of this Guam Decolonization Registry.

#### § 21021. Action to Compel Registration.

If a registration clerk refuses to register any person eligible to register with the Guam Decolonization Registry, such person may appeal such refusal to the Commission, and if the Commission upholds or affirms the ruling of the registration clerk, such person may proceed by action in the Superior Court of Guam to compel that person's registration. In an action under this Section, as many persons may join as plaintiffs, as have causes of action.

#### § 21022. Action to Compel Cancellation.

Any person may proceed by action in the Superior Court of Guam to compel the Commission to cancel any registration made illegally. If the person whose registration is sought to be canceled is not a party to the action, the Court may order that person to be made a party defendant. The Commission, and as many persons as there are causes of action against, may be joined as defendants.

#### § 21023. Preservation of Registration Affidavits.

The Commission shall preserve all un-cancelled affidavits of registration, and the cancelled duplicates, made for the purpose of procuring registration. The affidavits of registration shall constitute the Guam Decolonization Registry required to be kept by the provisions of this Chapter.

#### § 21024. Index of Registrations.

The Commission shall prepare an index of the Guam Decolonization Registry and provide sufficient copies thereof.

#### § 21025. Index as Public Record; Fee.

Upon written demand of any member of the public, the Commission shall furnish to the person one (1) copy of the index of the Guam Decolonization Registry at a charge consistent with the Sunshine Act of 1987, as amended. All moneys so collected shall be deposited into the Treasury of the government of Guam.

#### § 21026. Establishment of Guam Decolonization Registry Board: Composition; Removal of Members; Chairperson; Quorum.

There is hereby established a Guam Decolonization Registry Board with the following provisions:

- (a) There is within the government of Guam and under authority of the Commission the Guam Decolonization Registry Board. The Board shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom shall be Native Inhabitants of Guam, as defined in this Chapter. *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* shall appoint the five (5) members who shall have the following qualifications:
  - (i) two (2) members who have had extensive work experience in the administration of a local cultural agency or program;

- (ii) two (2) members who have had a strong background in Guam's historical or genealogical work; and
- (iii) one (1) member who has a strong understanding of the issue of Guam's political status or has been extensively involved in the work towards the future exercise of Guam's self-determination.

The members of the Board shall serve for a term of two (2) years. If a vacancy should occur on the Board, said vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term only, and by the method originally prescribed for that position's appointment. Every member of the Board who is not in the service of the government, for which he receives an annual compensation, shall be paid Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each attendance of a meeting upon that person's duties, with a maximum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month.

- (b) Any member may be removed for misconduct in office by a resolution duly adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.
- (c) The Guam Decolonization Registry Board shall annually elect one (1) of its members as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board.
- (d) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a majority of the Board shall be required to make any action of the Board effective. The rules and regulations for the conduct of the Board are attached herein and labeled as Exhibit A. Changes may be made by the Board in accordance with Guam law.
- (e) No member of any of the political status options task force shall serve on the Guam Decolonization Registry Board.

#### § 21027. Same: Ex-officio and Non-voting Members.

The Executive Director of the Commission; the Chairperson of the Commission; the Executive Director of the Commission on Self-Determination/Decolonization; the Executive Director of the Chamorro Heritage Institute, once established; and the Chairperson of the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, or its equivalent, shall serve as exofficio, consulting members of the Board, but shall not be voting members thereof. The Executive Director of the Commission shall also serve as the ex-officio secretary for the Board.

#### § 21028. Same: Duties and Responsibilities.

The Commission shall have direct and immediate supervision over the registration clerks designated in accordance with this Chapter to perform duties relative to the establishment, administration and maintenance of the Guam Decolonization Registry. Where such duties overlap with duties relative to the conduct of elections, the Board shall make recommendations to the Commission relative to the supervision of said clerks, and the Commission shall have the final decision-making authority.

The Board shall recommend to the Commission the suspension from the performance of said duties any of said clerks who shall fail to comply with its instruction, orders, decisions or rulings, and the appointment of temporary substitutes.

Upon the recommendation of the Commission, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* may remove any and all clerks who shall be found negligent of nonfeasance or misfeasance in connection with the performance of their duties relative to the Guam Decolonization Registry. The Board shall coordinate with the

Commission an intensive identification and awareness campaign and voter registration drive among potentially eligible voters through use of media, direct-mail programs, family networks, public agency infrastructure or any other means to reach those individuals whose right to decolonization is recognized by this Chapter.

#### § 21029. Same: Provision of Forms.

It shall be the responsibility of the Commission to provide all necessary forms as prescribed by the Board for the establishment of the Guam Decolonization Registry.

#### § 21030. Same: Informational Brochures.

It shall be the responsibility of the Board to prepare and promulgate informational brochures providing basic information pertaining to the establishment of the Guam Decolonization Registry, eligibility requirements, guidelines for registration and any other such information as the Board should deem necessary for the purposes of educating the general public. The content of the brochures shall be subject to approval by the Commission. Such brochures shall be made available at the main office of the Commission, from registration clerks, and at other locations recommended by the Board and approved by the Commission.

#### § 21031. Same: Powers of the Board.

The Board shall have the power to summon the parties to a controversy pending before it, issue subpoenas duces tecum and otherwise to take testimony in any investigation or hearing pending before it, and delegate such power to any officer. Any controversy submitted to the Board shall be tried, heard and decided within fifteen (15) days counted from the time corresponding petition giving rise to said controversy is filed. If either party wishes to appeal the decision or ruling of the Board, appeal may be made to the Commission for further consideration of hearing. The Board shall have the power to certify to the Superior Court of Guam for contempt.

# 1 GCA GENERAL PROVISIONS CH. 21 COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EXERCISE OF CHAMORRO SELF DETERMINATION

**SOURCE**: Public Law 23-147 creates a Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of Chamorro Self-Determination. The Compiler of Laws believes this Commission should be codified within the Guam Code Annotated. The Compiler has then created a new Chapter 21 in Title 1, Guam Code Annotated. Amended by the Compiler in order to reflect the correct citation.

- § 2101. Legislative Findings and Intent.
- § 2102. Definitions.
- § 2103. Legal and Moral Basis. [Repealed.]
- § 2104. Creation and Membership of Commission.
- § 2105. Function.
- § 2106. Creation of Task Forces.
- § 2107. Function of Task Forces.
- § 2108. Office and Employees of the Commission.
- § 2109. Public Information Program.
- § 2110. Plebiscite Date and Voting Ballot.
- § 2111. Run-off Plebiscite.
- § 2112. General Powers of the Commission.
- § 2113. Commission on Self-Determination.
- § 2114. Repository for Commission Documents.
- § 2115. [Untitled]

#### § 2101. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the native inhabitants of Guam, since its recorded history, have been subjected to incessant control by external colonial powers. I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that upon the execution of the bilateral treaty between the two (2) sovereign nations, Spain and the United States of America, the transfer of colonial control over the lands and the people of Guam was effectuated. The United States, as the succeeding colonial power over the lands and the people of Guam, acceded to and recognized in the 1898 Treaty of Paris that the political rights of the native inhabitants of Guam shall be protected and that their collective right to political self-determination is inalienable.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the United States as the administering power, in the Charter of the United Nations, designated the territory of Guam as a >Non-Self Governing Territory.' By doing so it recognized that the native inhabitants have the right to one day exercise

their collective self-determination through a decolonization process, to either join the ranks of self-governing entities as an independent nation or an independent nation in free association with another nation, or become a fully integrated state within the United States of America.

Consistent with these inalienable principles, the native inhabitants or people of Guam have been recognized by the U.S. Congress in the 1950 Organic Act of Guam, specifically in 48 U.S.C. § 14211, as reenacted in 8 U.S.C.§ 1407. Guam's right to self-determination is further founded in the United States' yearly reports to the United Nations on the Non-self Governing Territory of Guam; 1950 Organic Act of Guam; United Nations Resolution Number 1541 (XV) United Nations Resolution 1514 (XV); §307 (a) of the United States Immigration and Nationality Act; and Part I, Article 1, Paragraphs 1 and 3 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

It is the intention of I Liheslaturan Guåhan that three (3) political options be presented to the Native Inhabitants of Guam to ascertain their future political relationship with the United States of America, namely, Independence, Free Association or Statehood.

SOURCE: Repealed/reenacted by P.L. 25-106:6.

#### § 2102. Definitions.

- (a) Self-Determination. Freedom of a people to determine the way in which they shall be governed and whether or not they shall be self-governed.
- (b) Native Inhabitants of Guam' shall mean those persons who became U.S. Citizens by virtue of the authority and enactment of the 1950 Organic Act of Guam and descendants of those persons.

**SOURCE:** Repealed/reenacted by P.L. 25-106:7.

§ 2103. Legal and Moral Basis.

[Repealed.]

SOURCE: Repealed by P.L. 25-106:8....

#### ...§ 2109. Public Information Program.

The Commission, in conjunction with the Commission's task forces shall conduct an extensive public education program, throughout the island, based on the position papers submitted by each task force.

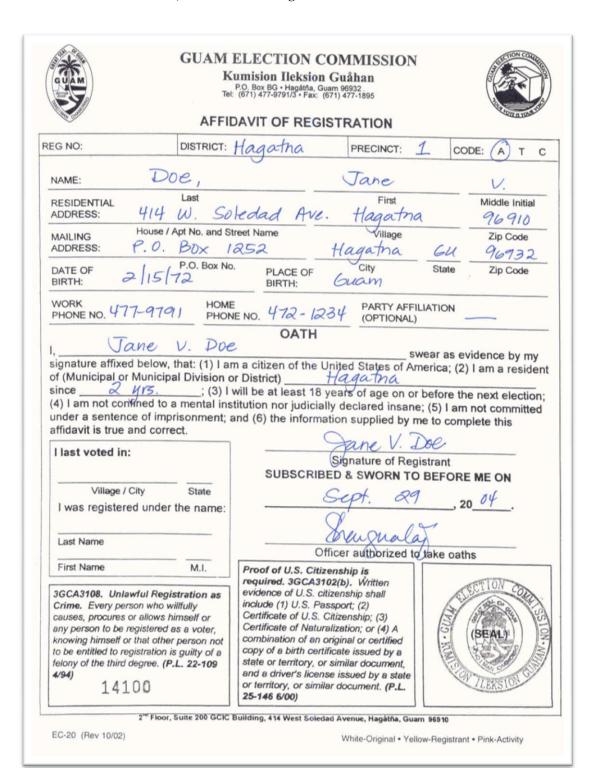
- (a) The University of Guam and the Guam Community College may be included in the development and execution of the extensive public education program for the purposes of fulfilling the educational outreach provisions of this Chapter in order to ensure a successful plebiscite relative to Guam's political status determination.
- (b) Upon consultation with I Maga'lahen Guahan and I Liheslaturan Guahan the Commission on Decolonization and the Guam Election Commission shall determine the date for the conducting of a Political Status Plebiscite, which shall take place following the completion of the public education program for the purposes of fulfilling the educational outreach provisions of this Chapter.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 31-92.

#### Illustration 1: Form# EC-24, Affidavit of Cancellation of Previous Registration

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A completed #EC-24, Affidavit of Cancellation of Previous Registration form is sent to the voter's former district by the Guam Election Commission within 48-hours of its completion. Registrars must submit this form to the GEC office to insure its proper handling.



# Illustration 3: Form #EC-21A, the Guam Decolonization Registry Application for Registration and Certification of Voter Eligibility.

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# **NOTES**

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